STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL

EMS File 02-051

SERVICES

RANDY J. SPOSATO, EMT 4976

VS.

## CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Chapter 23-4.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter ("Department"), has investigated a complaint charging Randy J. Sposato, EMT-C (hereinafter Respondent), with a violation of the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services (R23-4.1-EMS).

After careful consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

- Respondent is an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac licensed to practice 1) emergency medical services in the State of Rhode Island.
- That on or about 10 April 2002 "Respondent" did unlawfully, with knowledge 2) and intent possess a Schedule II controlled substance, oxycodone, in violation of section 21-28-4.01 (c) (1) (a).
- That on or about 10 April 2002 "Respondent" did steal a prescription medication, 3) oxycontin and hydrocodone from June Doe in violation of sections 11-41-1 and 11-41-5.

- That on 21 October 2002 "Respondent" entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to the charge of possession of a Controlled Substance as set forth in paragraph two (2) herein, received a three (3) year deferred sentence, required to undergo substance abuse counseling and perform one hundred (100) hours of community service.
- That on 21 October 2002 "Respondent" entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to the charge of larceny as set forth in paragraph three (3) herein and received a one (1) year deferred sentence.
- That on or about 25 November 2002 "Respondent" did enter a dwelling without the owner's consent and did obtain and divert a Schedule II substance, oxycodone.
- 7) That on 29 November 2002 "Respondent" was presented to the Superior Court,
  State of Rhode Island as a violator and was remanded to the Adult Correctional
  Institution..
- 8) That on 4 August 1998, "Respondent" entered into a Consent Order with the Department of Health wherein he accepted the sanction of a "Reprimand" for having rendered services as an Emergency Medical Technician without an active, renewed license.
- 9) That the conduct described in paragraphs two (2) through eight (8) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 16.1 (c) (e) of the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services (R23-4.1-EMS).

The parties agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent is an Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac and able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

  Respondent's mailing address is 19 West Street, Ashaway, R.I. 02804.
- 2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
- 3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
- 4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;

- i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
- 5. This Consent Order shall become a part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
- 6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
- 7. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- 8. Respondent agrees to a voluntary surrender of his EMT-Cardiac license for an indefinite period.
- 9. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the EMT-Cardiac license, he shall submit documentation to the Department evidencing that he is capable and competent to engage in the practice of emergency medical services. Such documentation to the Department shall include, but not be limited to, evidence and reports from a health care professional that the Respondent has consistently been undergoing treatment for substance abuse, and such other information as the Department may deem appropriate at that time. In addition, Respondent must meet all education, training and examination requirements for licensure in effect at the time Respondent applies for licensure.
- 10. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

- 11. That this Consent Order shall obviate the necessity for a hearing on the matters forming the basis for this Consent Order.
- 12. That the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license to practice emergency medical services remain in full force and effect pending further order of the Department.

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Randy J. Sposato, EMT-C

Ratified as an order of the Department on this 1311 day of

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Donald Williams

Associate Director

Health Services Regulation